

Application No. 10/798,556
Reply to Office Action of December 4, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

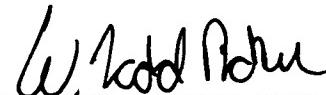
Claims 4-7 and 15 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment cancels claims 12-14.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement; and claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakanishi et al. in view of Morton et al. Claims 4-7 and 15 were indicated as being allowable. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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